

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

**1499
House Bill No. _____**



Introduced by Honorable Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides:

“The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.”

Road accidents have been tagged as one of the leading causes of death among children in the Philippines, killing more youngsters than dengue and other deadly diseases. In Metro Manila alone, two (2) children die daily due to road mishaps.

The World Health Organization also reported that in 2018, 1.3 million people worldwide had died from road accidents. In the Philippines, 12,000 Filipinos perish every year due to road accidents. More disconcerting is the number of car accidents as it has doubled from 63,072 accidents in 2007 to 116,906 in 2018.

If no government intervention is set to avert such crisis, more Filipinos will die from road accidents.

To address the rising number of road accidents, several countries, including the Philippines, have started to implement the point or demerit system in which under which a person's driver's license is revoked or suspended based on the number of points accumulated by them over a period of time because of the traffic offences committed by them in that period.

Recent studies have shown that the demerit system has been an effective tool in reducing road traffic accidents resulting in injury and mortality. In Italy where it has been implemented since 2003, the number of road traffic fatalities and injuries significantly declined after the adoption of the penalty points system, with a nationwide reduction in the first 18 months of 18% and 19% respectively.

In the Philippines, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) has recently issued the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10930 providing for a demerit point system for driver's license holders. However, the IRR still give driver's enough leeway that will allow them to continuously drive even when they have committed so many offenses and accumulated demerits.

This bill aims to provide stricter rules in the point system by enabling the automatic revocation of licenses once all the default points are used up by the many deductions due to traffic offenses. This will make drivers, especially those operating public vehicles, more vigilant and conscientious in driving their vehicles.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is urged.


FLORIDA P. ROBES

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

House Bill No. 1499

Introduced by Honorable Florida P. Robes

**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10930 AMENDING SECTION 23 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be in enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the policy of the State to ensure the protection of its citizens and promote the general welfare by ensuring among other road safety mechanisms and putting in place licensing systems that would instill discipline among drivers.

SECTION 2. Additional Section. – A new section is hereby added to Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the “Land Transportation and Traffic Code”, as amended, and numbered as Section 23-B, to read as follows:

“Section 23-B-A. Point System Mechanism. A driver granted a license by the Land Transportation Office, upon issuance thereof, shall have a total number of twenty (20) points and with each driving offense, the

driver shall lose points depending on the gravity of the offense.

When all 20 points are deducted, the driver's license shall automatically be revoked and the person is suspended from driving for a period of two (2) years from such revocation and until he has undergone and passed a driver's reorientation course, theoretical, actual, physical and psychological examinations."

Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), with the assistance of the LTO and the LTRFB, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of the Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other Provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, rules and regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. – This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) national newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved.